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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
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Historical Note

On November 30, 1878, in the law offices of Dye and Harris, forty prominent Indianapolis attorneys, including future U.S. President Benjamin Harrison and U.S. Vice President Charles W. Fairbanks, met in the hopes of creating a common organization "in which lawyers may exchange ideas, maintain the honor and dignity of the profession of law, cultivate social intercourse among its members and increase the usefulness in promoting the due administration of justice." And under the leadership of Indiana Bar Association's first president Napoleon B. Taylor, the Indianapolis Bar Association was formed.

In the association's original bylaws, the founding members set the course for the future by making provisions for committees on admission, amendments of the law, grievances, liaison with the judiciary and legal education. The association's first priority was to form a law library and reading room for use by judges, attorneys and students, and by 1910 over 7,000 volumes had been acquired.

And while the Indianapolis Bar Association has grown considerably from its first 40 members to over 5,100 today, it still strives to fulfill many of the original ideals and commitments as it is guided by a new, yet similar, mission statement-to serve our members, promote justice and enhance the legal profession.

Source: <https://www.indybar.org/index.cfm?pg=OurHistory>

Scope and Contents

There are two cards in this collection. One is a calling card for the Indianapolis Bar Association, Citizens National Bank, 11-13 East Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, 1878-1879. The officers printed on the card are: Napoleon B. Taylor, President; John T. Dye, Vice President; and John A. Henry, Secretary.

The second item is larger and is a blank application for membership card. The annual dues printed on the card were \$5.00.

Arrangement

There are only two items in this collection, both with the same date.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing and finding aid completed 2016/03/31 by Nikki Stoddard Schofield.

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Membership cards

Subject(s)

- Calling cards